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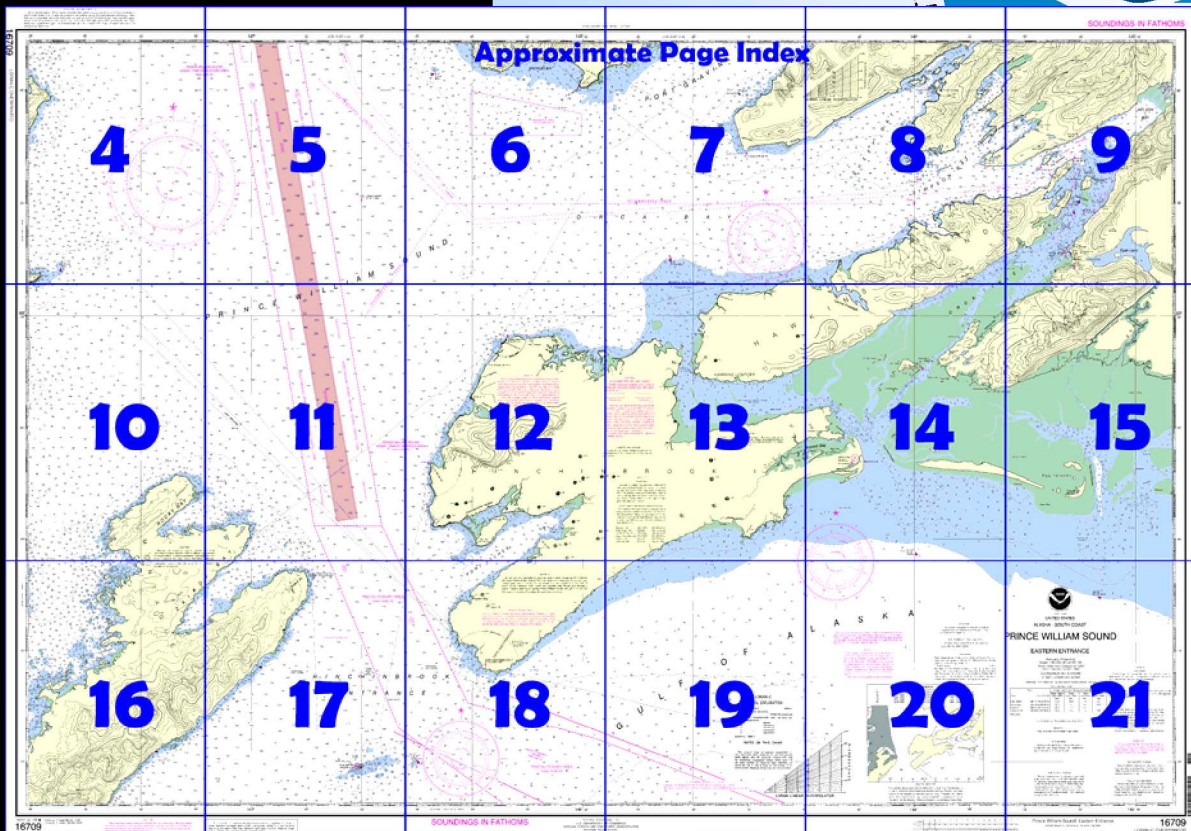
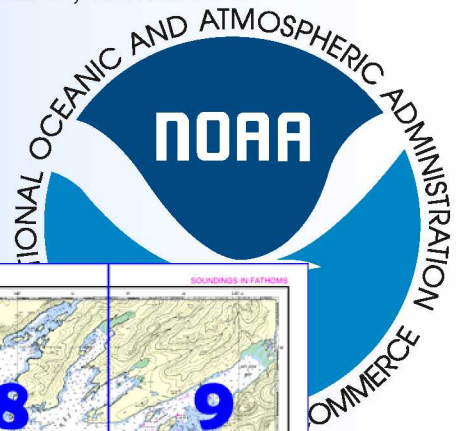
## Prince William Sound – Eastern Entrance

(NOAA Chart 16709)



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### What are Nautical Charts?

Nautical charts are a fundamental tool of marine navigation. They show water depths, obstructions, buoys, other aids to navigation, and much more. The information is shown in a way that promotes safe and efficient navigation. Chart carriage is mandatory on the commercial ships that carry America's commerce. They are also used on every Navy and Coast Guard ship, fishing and passenger vessels, and are widely carried by recreational boaters.

### What is a BookletChart™?

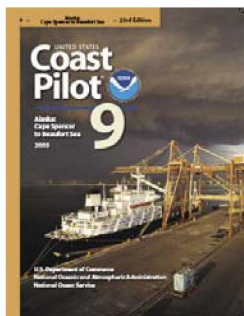
This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

Whenever possible, use the official, full scale NOAA nautical chart for navigation. Nautical chart sales agents are listed on the Internet at <http://www.NauticalCharts.NOAA.gov>.

This BookletChart does NOT fulfill chart carriage requirements for regulated commercial vessels under Titles 33 and 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

### Notice to Mariners Correction Status

This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. Additional chart corrections have been made by NOAA in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. The last Notices to Mariners applied to this chart are listed in the Note at the bottom of page 7. Coast Pilot excerpts are not being corrected.



#### **[Coast Pilot 9, Chapter 4 excerpts]**

(170) **Eyak River**, 6 miles ENE of Point Whitshed (60°26'45"N., 145°52'42"W.), flows from Eyak Lake and has a swift current. At favorable stages of the tide it is navigable for small, light-draft craft to the lake. A highway bridge with a 43-foot fixed span and a clearance of 8 feet crosses the river about 3.5 miles above the mouth. **Mountain Slough** is 1.5 miles W from the mouth of Eyak River.

(171) **Egg Islands**, about 5 miles SE of mainland Point Whitshed and 10 miles E of

Hinchinbrook Island, are low and partly grass covered. **Egg Island Channel**, just E of the islands, leads NE between sand and mudflats to Alaganik Slough. The seaward approach to the channel is marked by a lighted whistle buoy.

(172) **Egg Island Light E** (60°22'00"N., 145°45'14"W.), 33 feet (10.1 m) above the water, is shown from a skeleton tower with a red and white diamond-shaped daymark, on the SE island of the group.

(173) The current in the channel is strong. E of Egg Islands, flood and ebb velocities of 3 to 3.5 knots, respectively, setting in the direction of the channel, have been observed. N of the islands a current of 1.5 knots, flooding NW and ebbing SE, was found. SE of Point Whitshed a W flood of 1.5 knots was observed.

(174) Navigation with local knowledge in this area is limited to small craft. Anchorage can be found in the wider parts of the sloughs N of the Egg Islands. There is no protection from prevailing winds but seas are broken up by the surrounding flats.

(175) **Point Whitshed** is at the S extremity of the **Heney Range**, the steep E side of which flanks the alluvial coastal region of the Cooper River. The waterfall, 1 mile E from the point on the coastal side of the ridge, is a prominent landmark, seen for several miles over the mudflats, and shows well when the peaks and higher land are cloud covered. The higher peaks on Heney Range, as well as those on Hinchinbrook Island, are generally sharp and bare topped. The end of the peninsula W from Heney Range is rolling hills. **Government Rock**, at Point Whitshed, is 30 feet high and rounded in outline.

(178) **Mummy Island** is about 425 feet high and wooded. **Mummy Island Light** (60°27'54"N., 145°59'27"W.), 21 feet (6.4 m) above the water, is shown from a skeleton tower with a red and white diamond-shaped daymark on the islets E of Mummy Island, where there is an approach through a slough. The islet 0.2 mile SW of Mummy Island has two steep ends, 75 feet high, with a low, flat strip between.

(181) Orca Inlet NE to Cordova from Mummy Island is filled largely with flats. The channel from Mummy Island to Cordova is marked by seasonal buoys from May to October. In June 1983, 1¼ fathoms could be carried in the channel from Mummy Island to Cordova. Shoals throughout the area are constantly shifting; numerous other dangers exist in the area. Local knowledge is necessary. The inlet is described later in the chapter and numerous other dangers exist in the area. Local knowledge is necessary.

(182) **Point Bentinck** (60°23.5'N., 146°05.0'W.), at the E end of Hinchinbrook Island, is low, sandy, and grass covered, with sand dunes and brush 0.5 mile back. The 798-foot knoll with a parabolic antenna N of Boswell Bay is prominent, **Point Bentinck Light** (60°23'33"N., 146°05'27"W.), 47 feet above the water, is shown from a skeleton tower with a red and white diamond-shaped daymark on the point.

(184) A lighted whistle buoy about 4.5 miles SSE of Point Bentinck marks the seaward approach to a channel that leads between the flats 1 mile E of the point to Orca Inlet. After crossing the bar, **Strawberry Channel** becomes deep and narrow abreast of Point Bentinck. Low water is the best time to negotiate the entrance as the flats are bare and of some aid and should be used only with local knowledge.

(185) Currents with velocities up to 3 knots on the flood and 2 knots on the ebb were observed in this channel. On the bar, flood and ebb velocities of about 1 knot were found setting NE and S, respectively. S of the flats which extend W from Egg Islands, a NW flood of 0.5 knot and a SE ebb of 1 knot were observed.

(186) A ½-fathom spot is about 1.2 miles NNE of Point Bentinck in about 60°24.7'N., 146°03.7'W. A group of rocks that bare is in the middle of the entrance to Boswell Bay in about 60°24.9'N., 146°05.7'W.

(187) **Boswell Bay**, indenting the E end of Hinchinbrook Island, affords anchorage for small craft just inside the entrance. Massive **Boswell Rock** is 100 yards off the N point. Immediately adjacent to the point itself is an undercut rock. A very small rock is 100 yards outside of Boswell Rock.

(188) To enter bring the 65-foot rock, brown in color and near the S shore of the bay, just clear of the southernmost pinnacle inside the entrance, and steer on this range until abreast of Boswell Rock. Then haul S a little and anchor when the NE point of Hinchinbrook Island is just shut in on the undercut rock. Flood and ebb velocities of 1.5 and 2 knots, respectively, have been observed in the narrow entrance.

# Table of Selected Chart Notes

Corrected through NM Aug. 23/08  
Corrected through LNM Aug. 19/08

## HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

## NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS

The NOAA Weather Radio stations listed below provide continuous weather broadcasts. The reception range is typically 20 to 40 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at high elevations.

Naked I, AK	WNG-530	162.500 MHz
Point Pigot, AK	KZZ-93	162.450 MHz
Potato Point, AK	WNG-527	162.425 MHz
Cape Hinchinbrook	WNG-532	162.525 MHz
Valdez, AK	WXJ-63	162.55 MHz
Cordova, AK	WXJ-79	162.40 MHz
Tripod Mountain, AK	WNG-715	162.45 MHz
East Point, AK	WNG-530	162.50 MHz

## CAUTION

Temporary changes or defects in aids to navigation are not indicated on this chart. See Local Notice to Mariners.

## AUTHORITIES

Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the U.S. Coast Guard.

## NOTE E

### CAUTION

Unusual currents may be encountered in the area east of Seal Rocks. Currents in this area usually run East to West, regardless of the tide. When the wind is blowing from the East, and the tide is ebbing, there is a strong set in the direction of Seal Rocks. Mariners are urged to navigate the area with caution.

## HORIZONTAL DATUM

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## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Consult U.S. Coast Pilot 9 for important supplemental information.

## AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation.

## CAUTION

Limitations on the use of radio signals as aids to marine navigation can be found in the U.S. Coast Guard Light Lists and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Publication 117.

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Station positions are shown thus:

○ (Accurate location)    ◐ (Approximate location)

## RADAR REFLECTORS

Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

## POLLUTION REPORTS

Report all spills of oil and hazardous substances to the National Response Center via 1-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephone communication is impossible (33 CFR 153).

Mercator Projection  
Scale 1:80,000 at Lat 60° 35'

North American Datum of 1983  
(World Geodetic System 1984)

SOUNDINGS IN FATHOMS  
AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

## WARNING

The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

For Symbols and Abbreviations see Chart No. 1

**CAUTION**

**SUBMARINE PIPELINES AND CABLES**

Charted submarine pipelines and submarine cables and submarine pipeline and cable areas are shown as:

→ → → → → Pipeline Area      ~~~~~ Cable Area

Additional uncharted submarine pipelines and submarine cables may exist within the area of this chart. Not all submarine pipelines and submarine cables are required to be buried, and those that were originally buried may have become exposed. Mariners should use extreme caution when operating vessels in depths of water comparable to their draft in areas where pipelines and cables may exist, and when anchoring, dragging, or trawling. Covered wells may be marked by lighted or unlighted buoys.

**NOTE F**

**NOTE G**  
**CAUTION**

Local knowledge is required to safely navigate in the Orca Inlet - Egg Islands area due to the changeable nature of the bottom.

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Odiak Slough is marked with two red spherical buoys, numbered "2" and "4". The channel should be navigated only above half tide with local knowledge.

**NOTE I**

Route requires local knowledge. Extreme caution is advised due to shifting shoals. Seasonal unlighted buoys are used to mark the channel northwestward of Mummy Island from May 1 to October 1.

**NOTE H**

The U.S. Coast Guard operates a mandatory Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) system in Prince William Sound. Vessel operating procedures and designated radiotelephone frequencies are published in 33 CFR 161, the U.S. Coast Pilot, and/or the VTS User's Manual. Mariners should consult these sources for applicable rules and reporting requirements. Although mandatory VTS participation is limited to the navigable waters of the United States, certain vessels are encouraged or may be required, as a condition of port entry, to report beyond this area to facilitate traffic management within the VTS area.

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**LORAN-C**

**GENERAL EXPLANATION**

LORAN-C FREQUENCY.....100kHz  
PULSE REPETITION INTERVAL  
7960.....79,600 Microseconds  
STATION TYPE DESIGNATORS: (Not individual station letter designators).

M.....Master  
W.....Secondary  
X.....Secondary  
Y.....Secondary  
Z.....Secondary

EXAMPLE: 7960-X

**RATES ON THIS CHART**

The Loran-C lines of position overprinted on this chart have been prepared for use with ground wave signals and are presently compensated only for theoretical propagation delays which have not yet been verified by observed data. Mariners are cautioned not to rely entirely on the lattices in in-shore waters. Skywave corrections are not provided.

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**A** Vessel Traffic Services calling-in point; arrow indicates direction of vessel movement. Mandatory calling-in points are identified numerically. Voluntary calling-in points are identified alphabetically. For additional information see U.S. Coast Pilot 9 and the U.S. and Canadian Notice to Mariners.

**VESSEL TRANSITING**

The U.S. Coast Guard and the Pacific States/British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force endorse a system of voluntary measures and minimum distances from shore for certain commercial vessels transiting along the coast anywhere between Cook Inlet, Alaska and San Diego, California. See U.S. Coast Pilot 9, Chapter 3 for details.

**SOURCE DIAGRAM**

The outlined areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charting. Surveys have been banded in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, United States Coast Pilot,

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**NOTE D**

All Mariners are requested to exercise caution when navigating Hinchinbrook Entrance, Prince William Sound. There are heavy concentrations of crab pots and related gear, and numerous fishing vessels that are operating in the area of Hinchinbrook Entrance, Seal Rocks and between Seal Rocks and Montague Island. Vessels entering or leaving Prince William Sound through Hinchinbrook Entrance are requested to utilize the recommended track.

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COLREGS, 80.1705 (see note A)  
International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972.  
The entire area of this chart falls seaward of the COLREGS Demarcation Line.

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TIDAL INFORMATION		Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW)			
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NAME		Mean Low Water			
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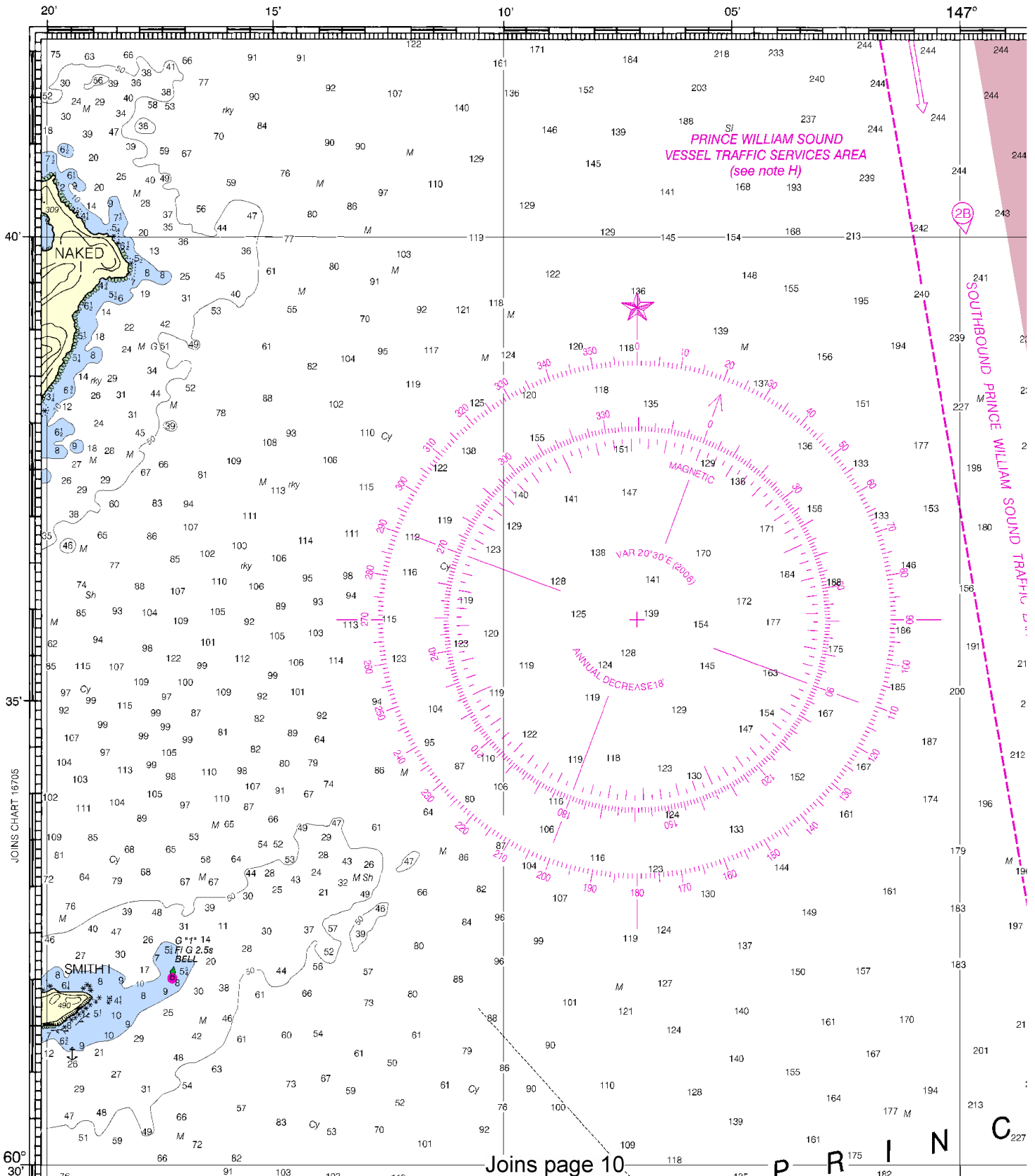


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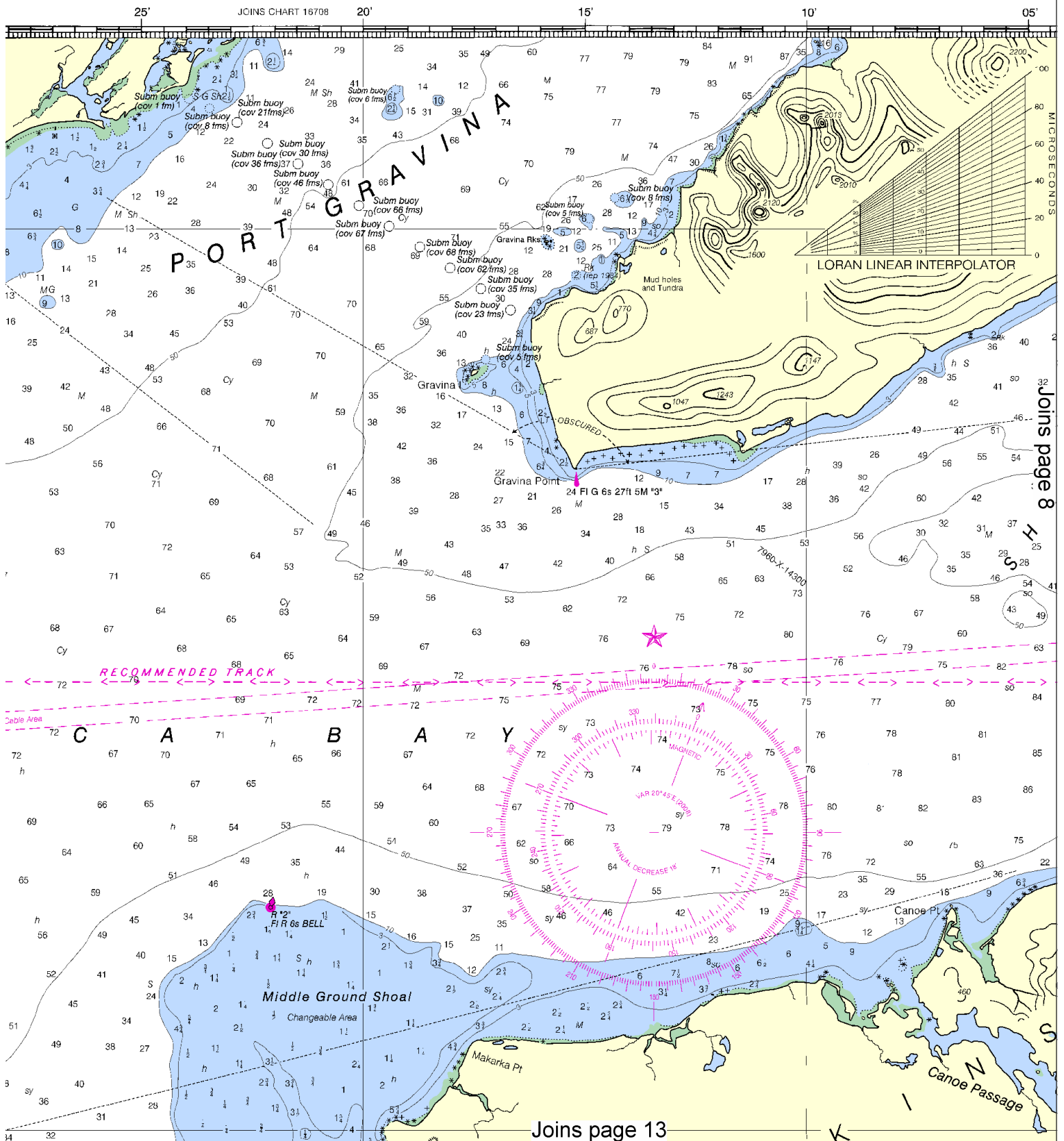


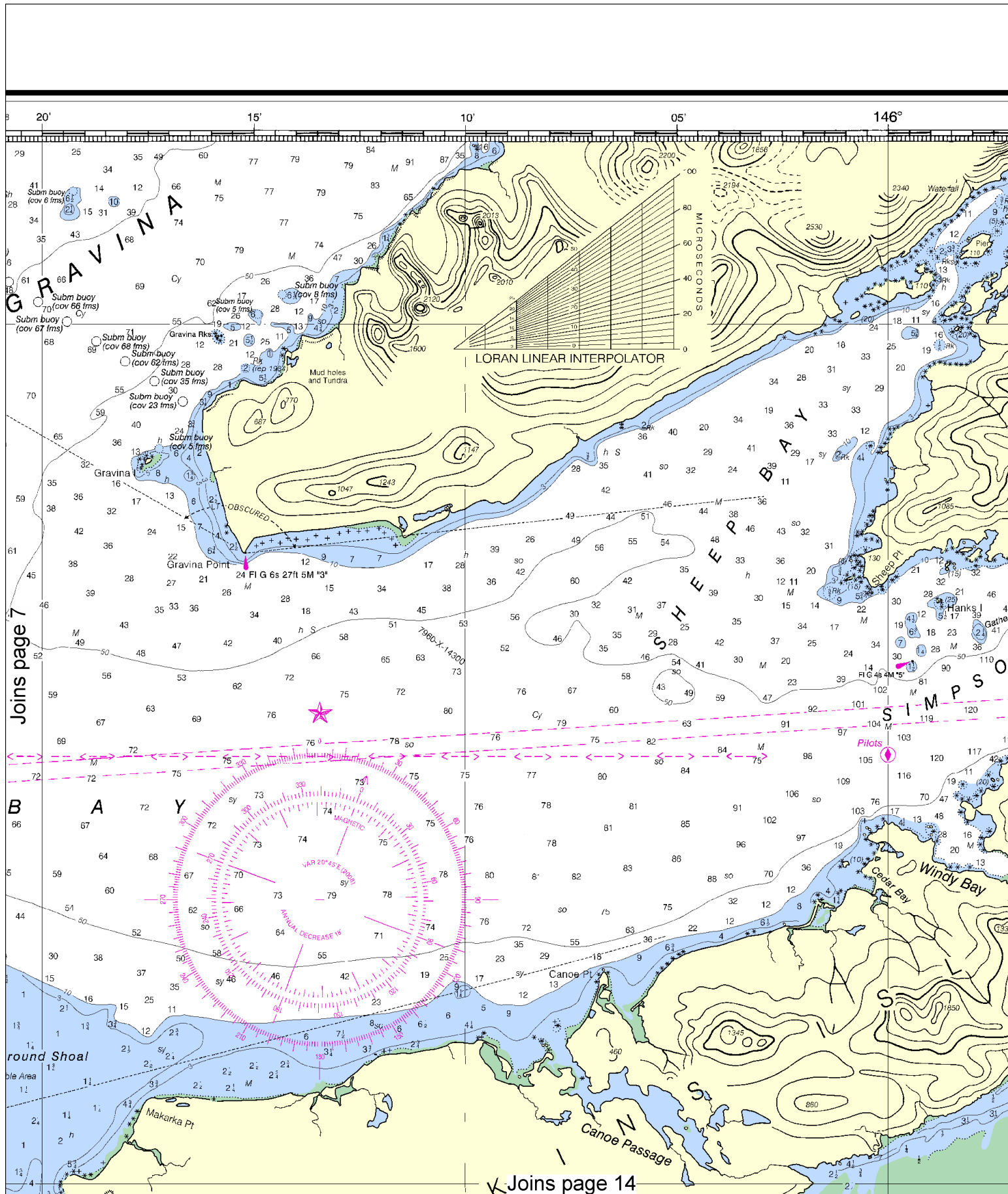






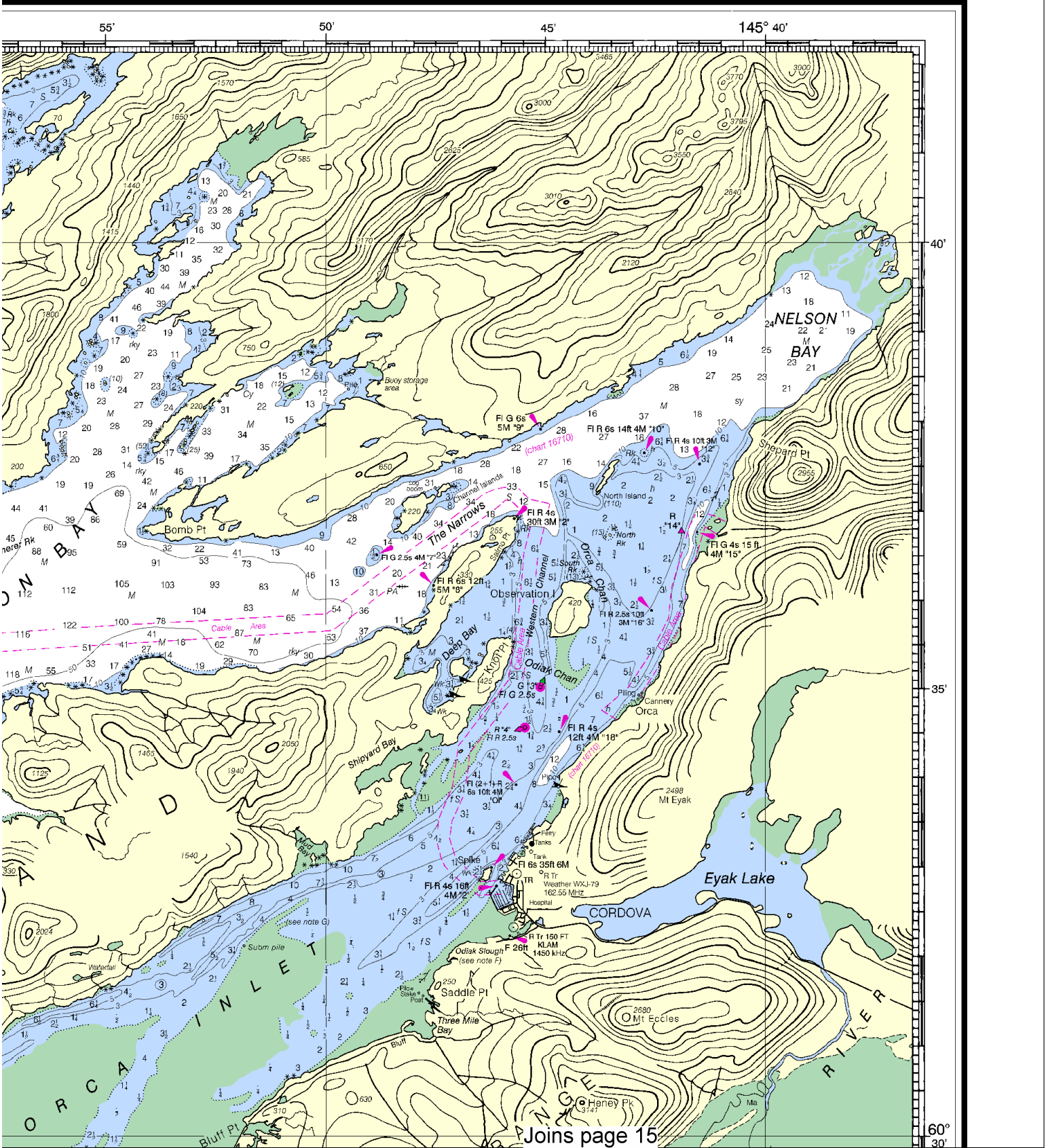


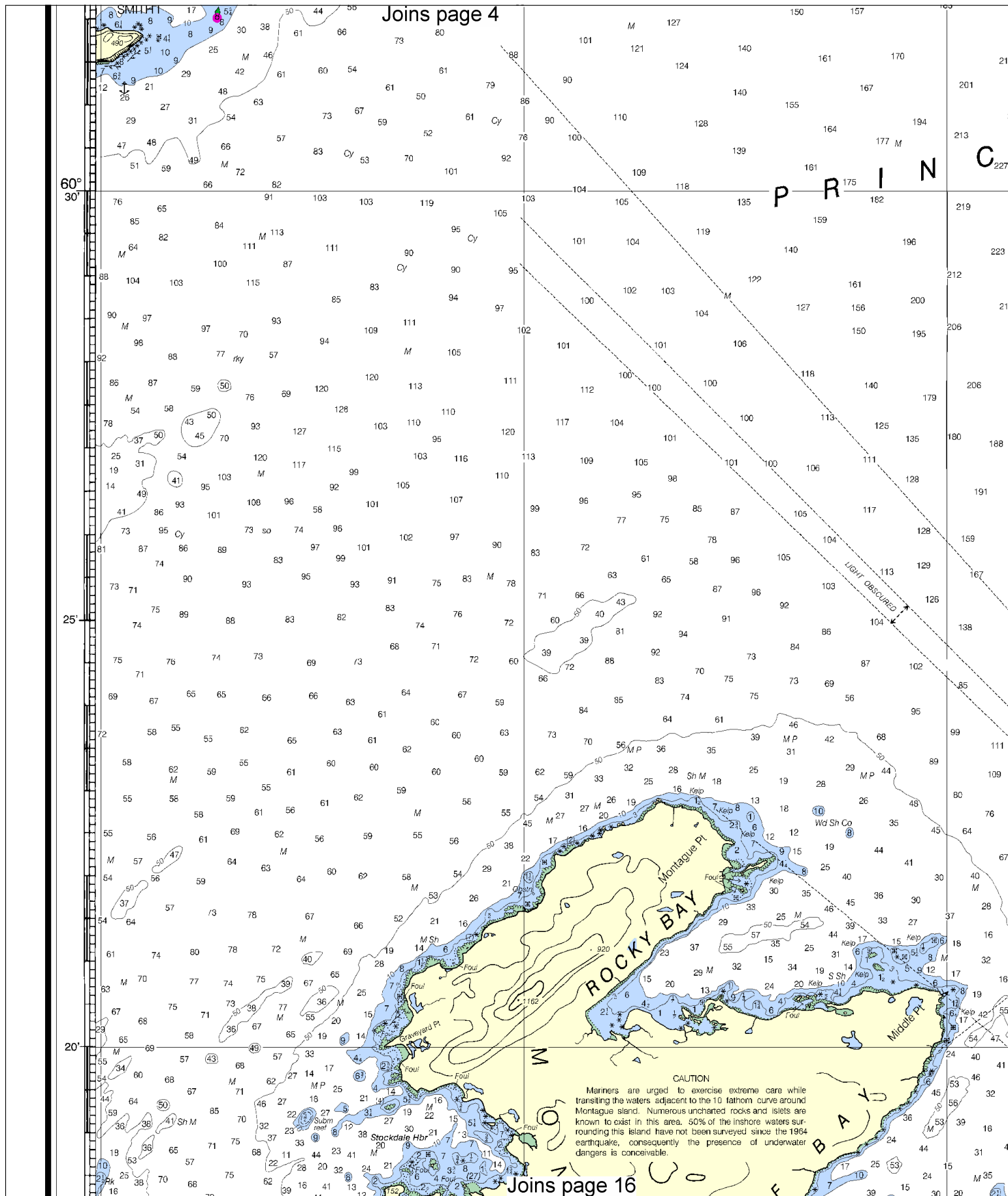






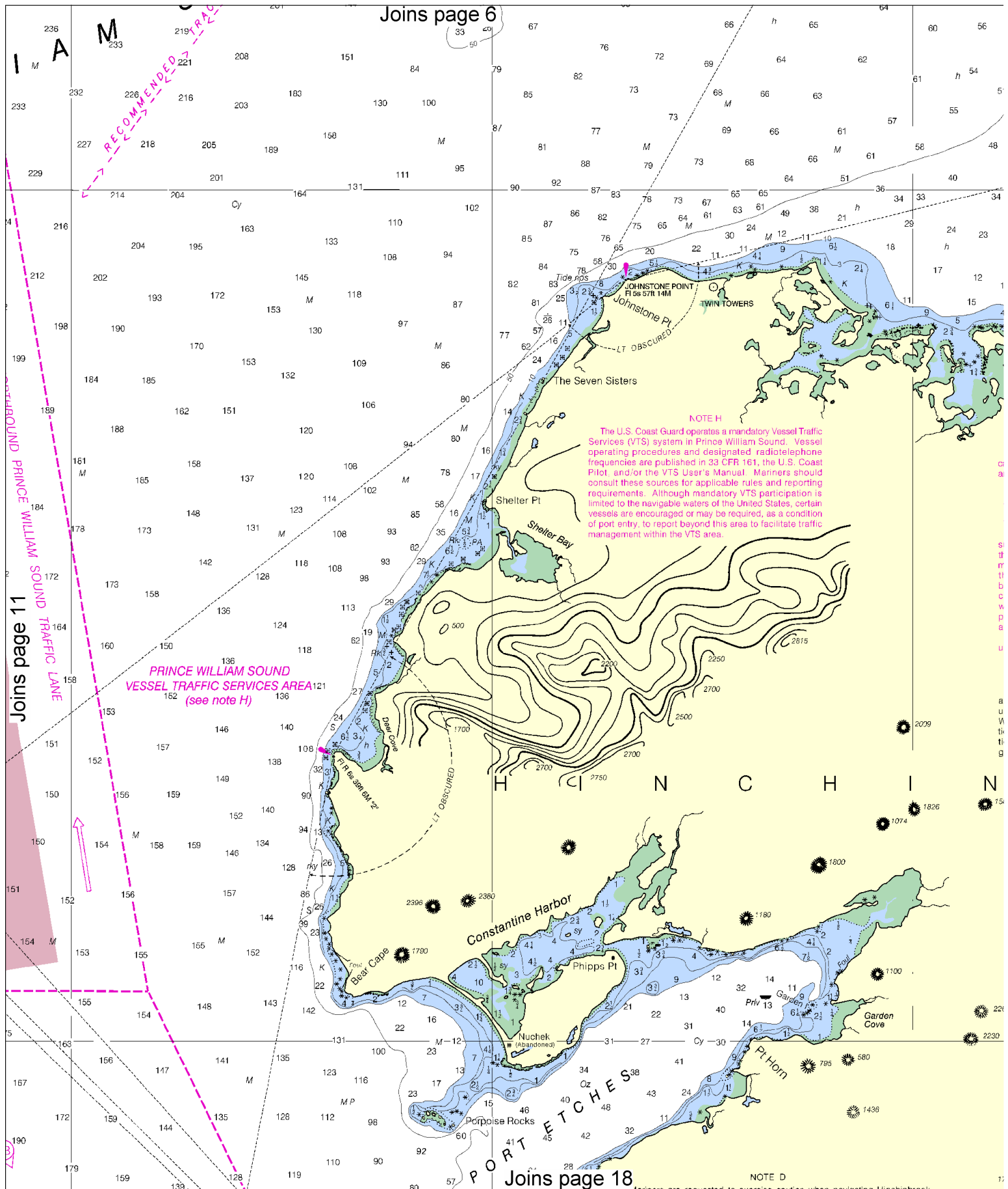
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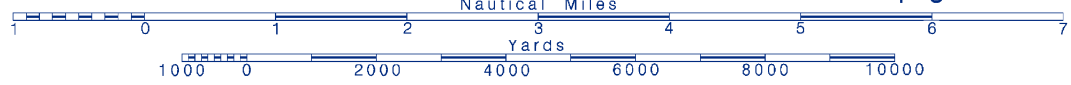
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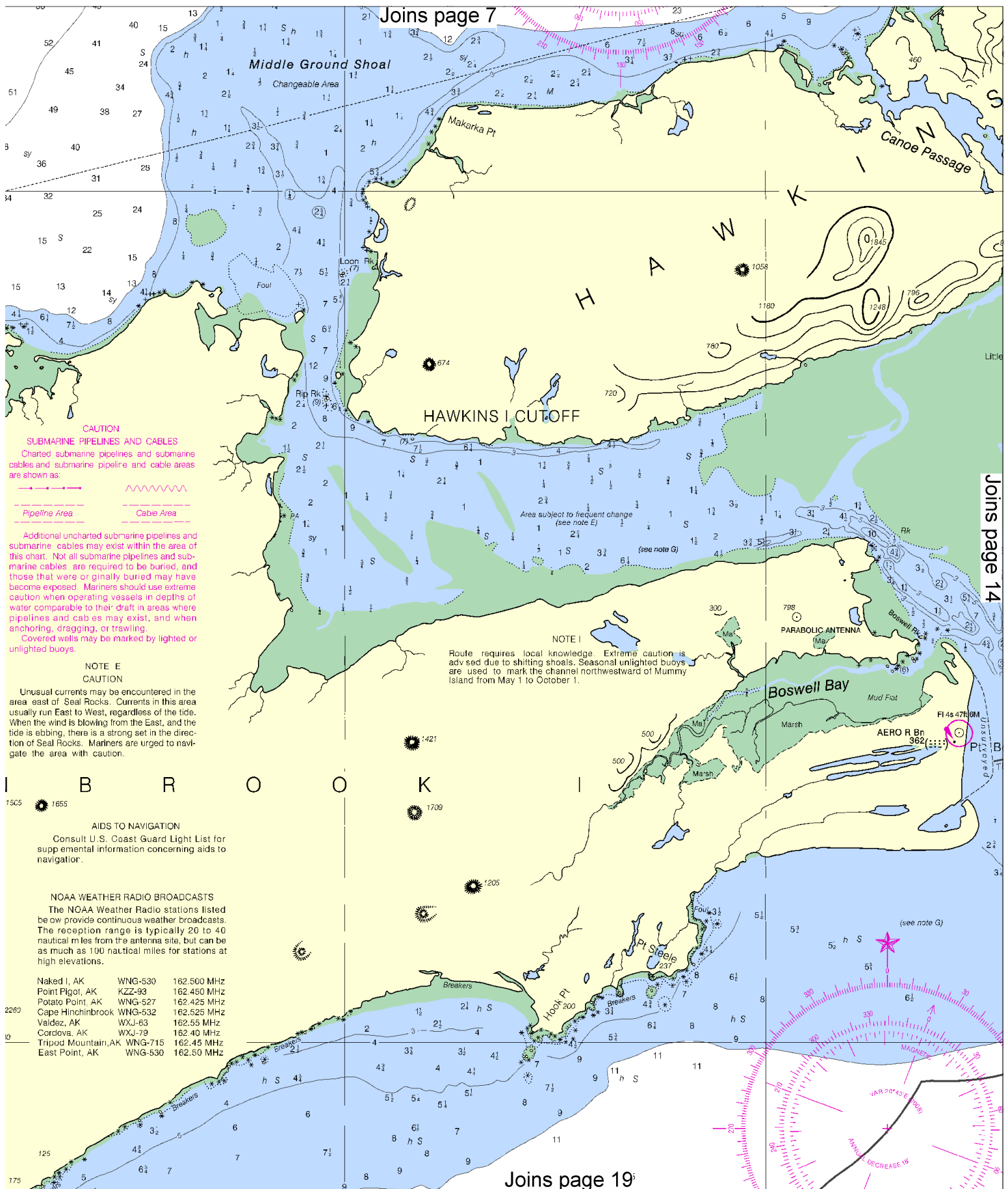
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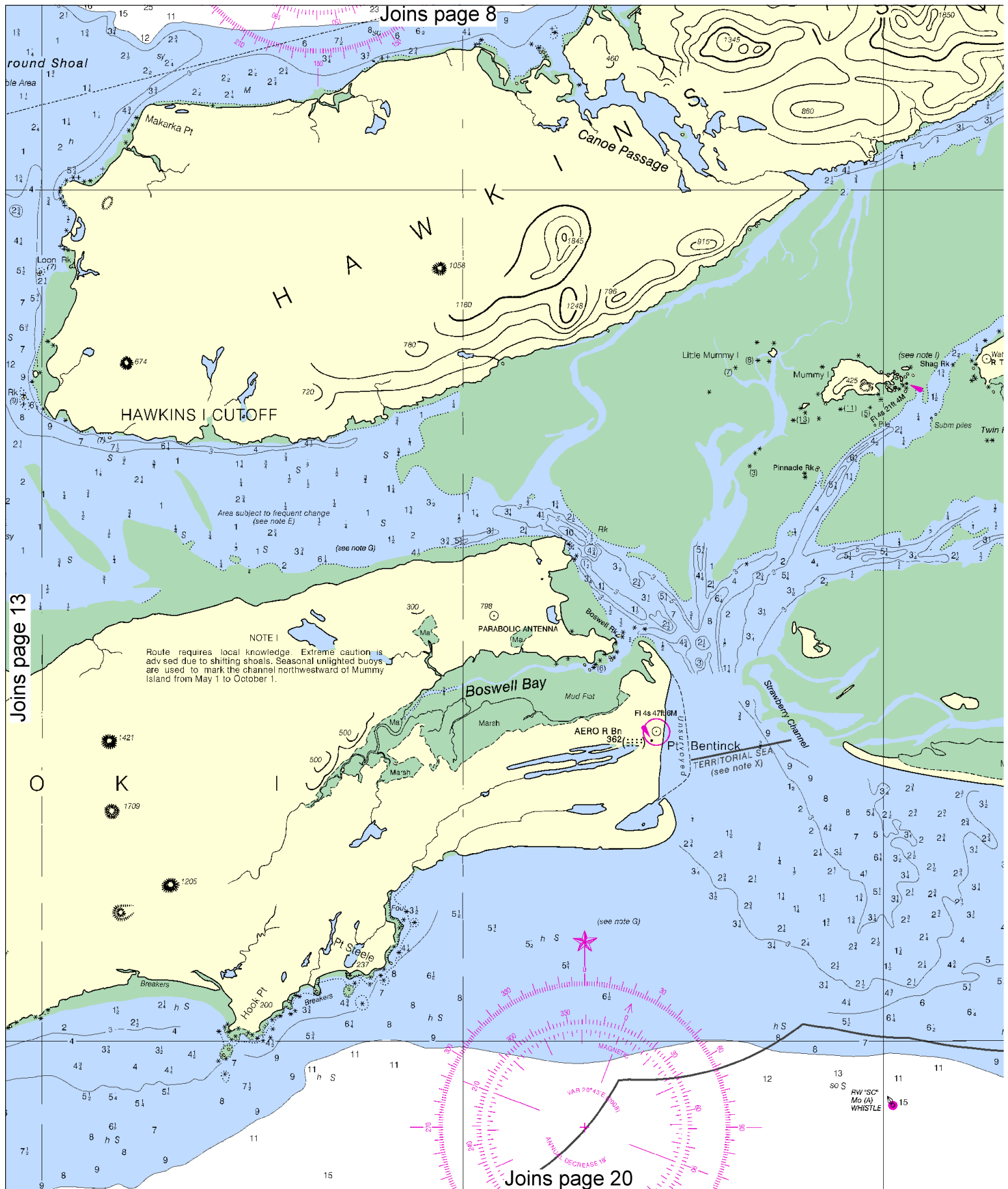
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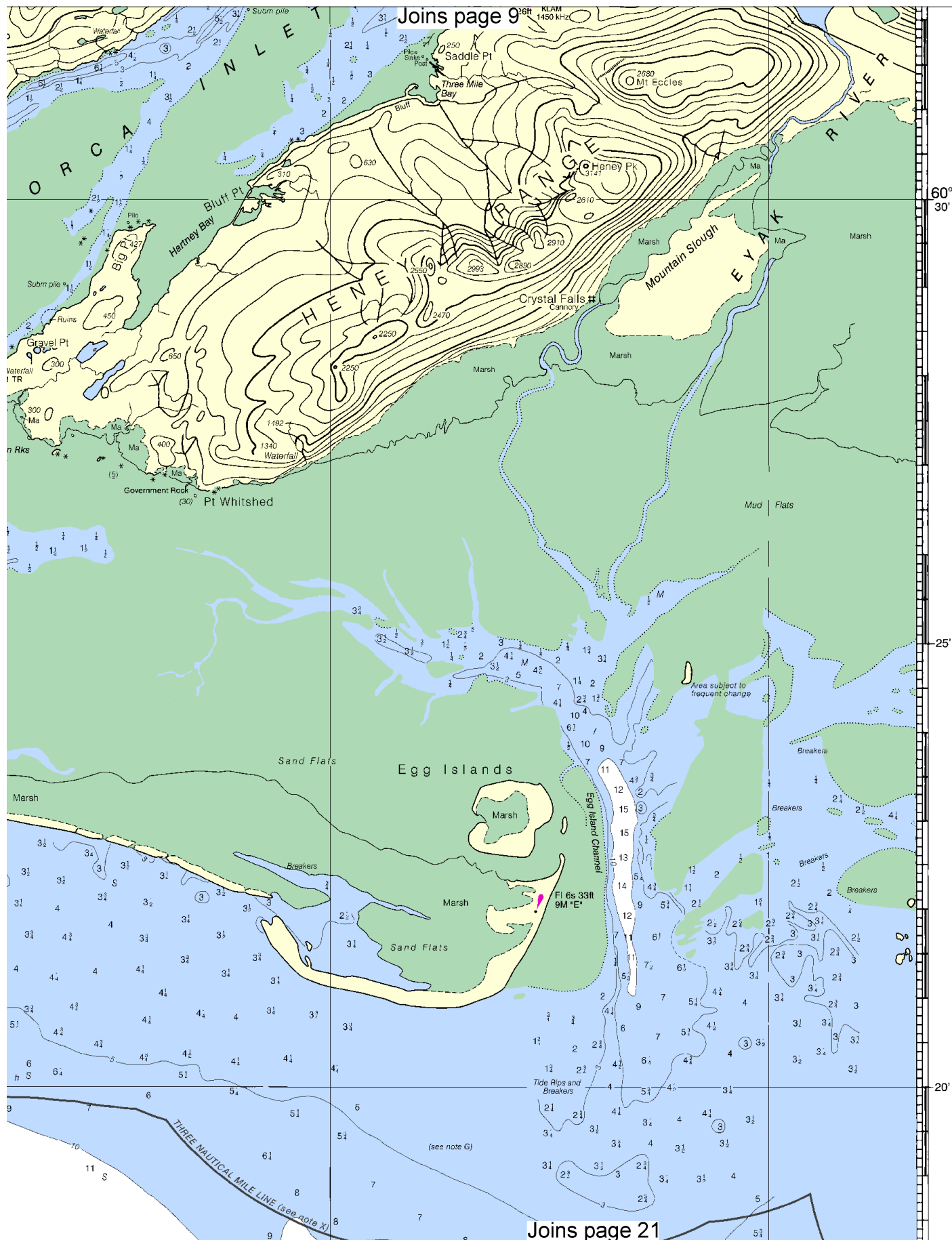
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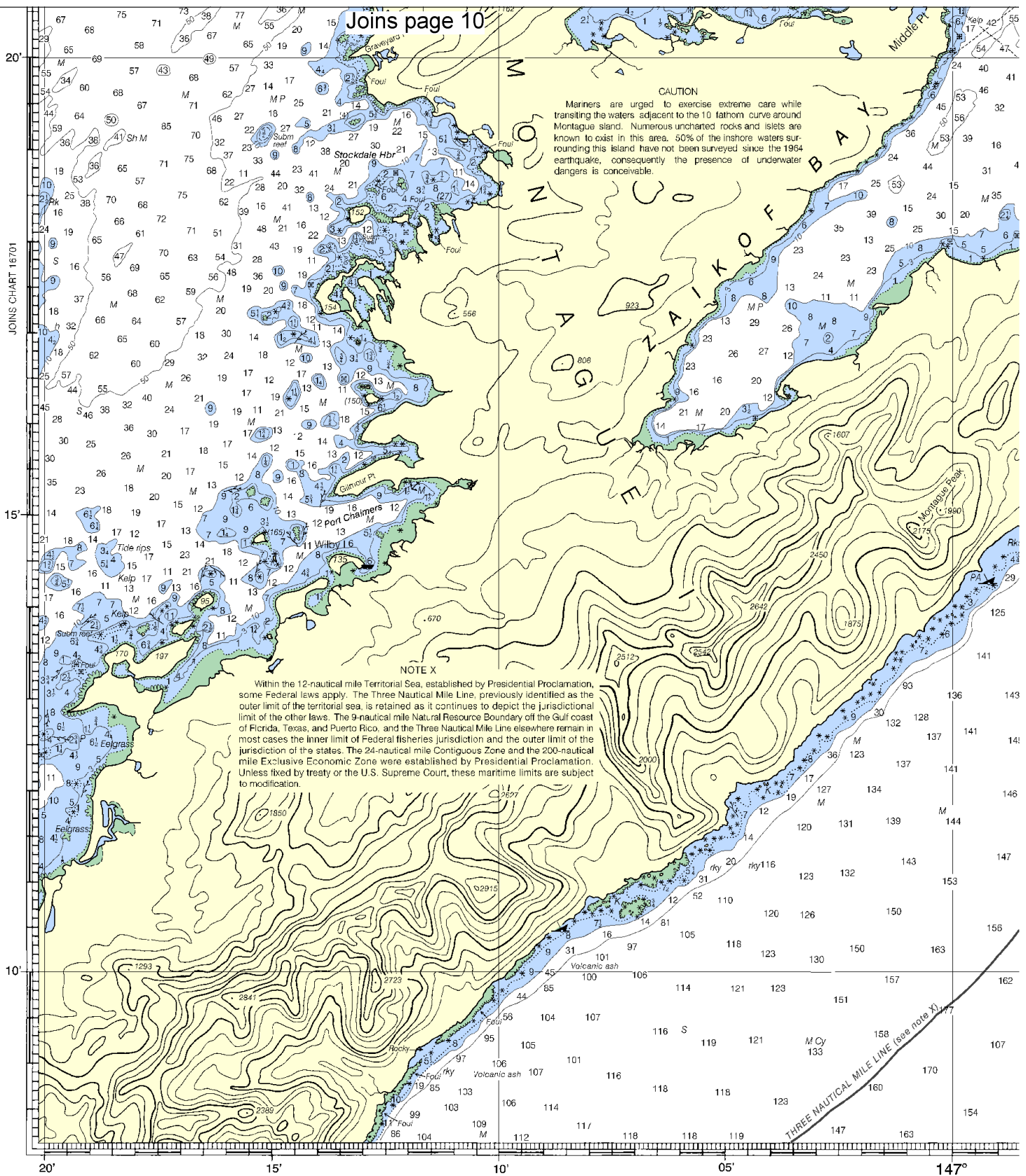








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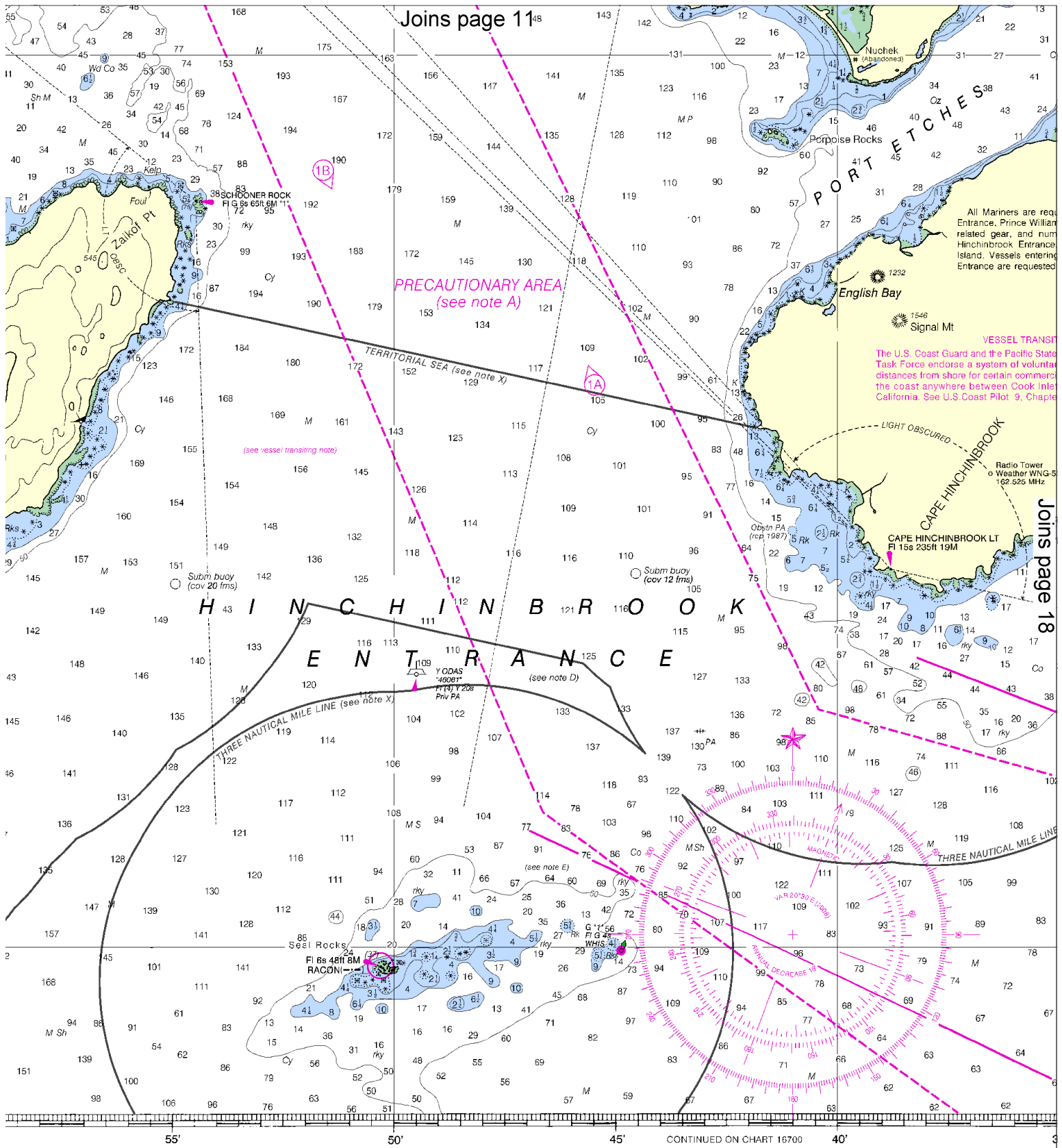


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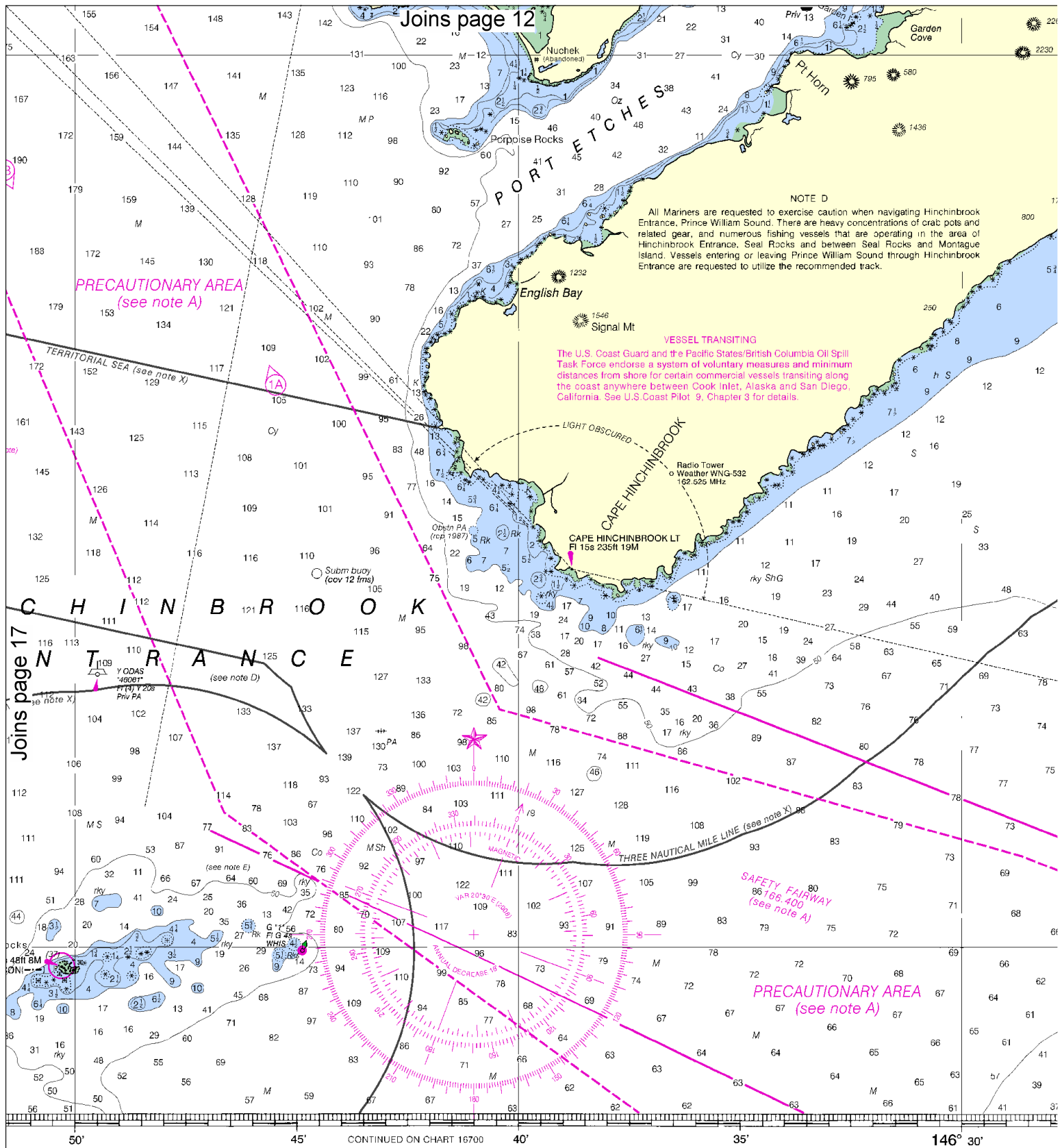
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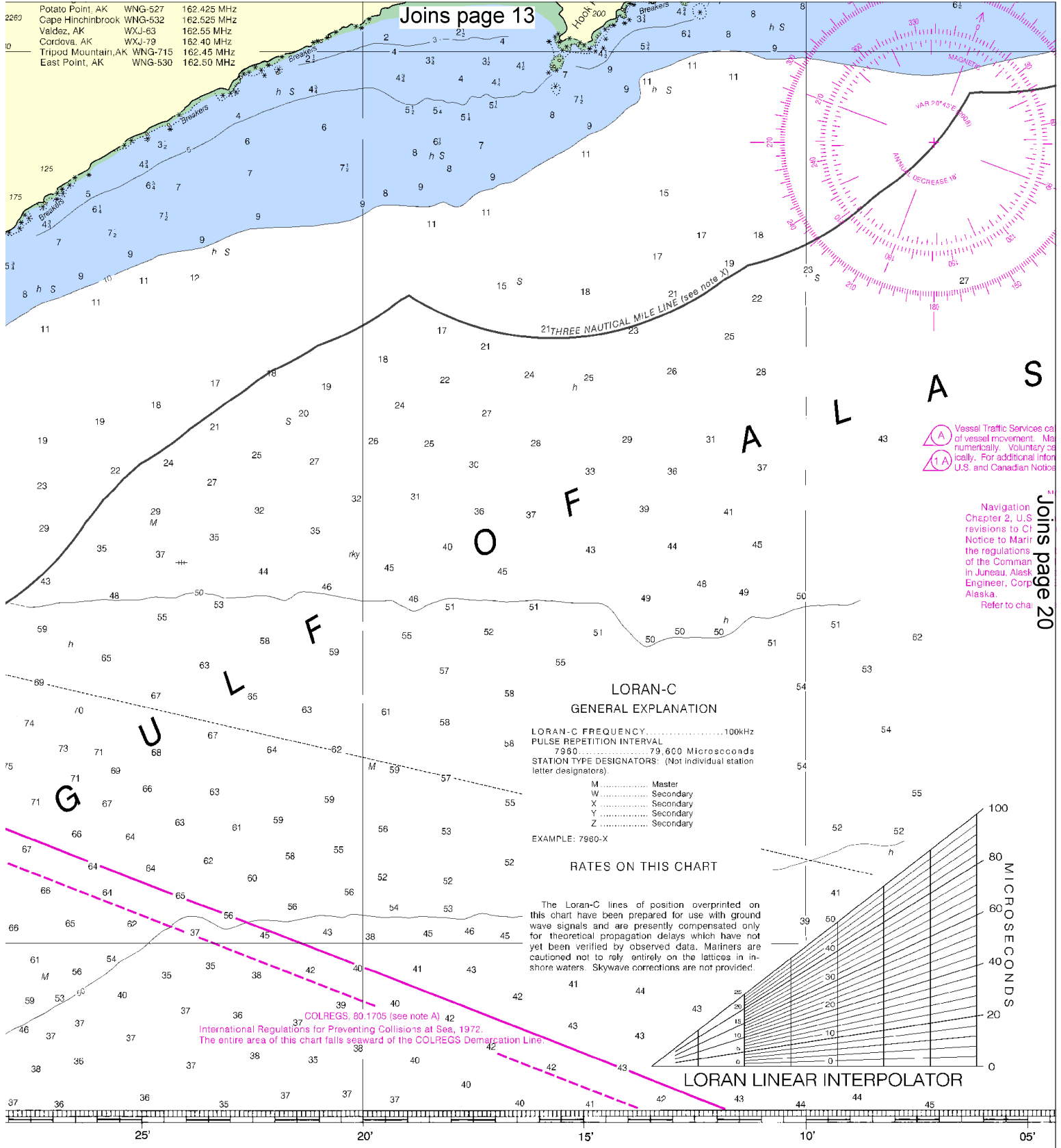
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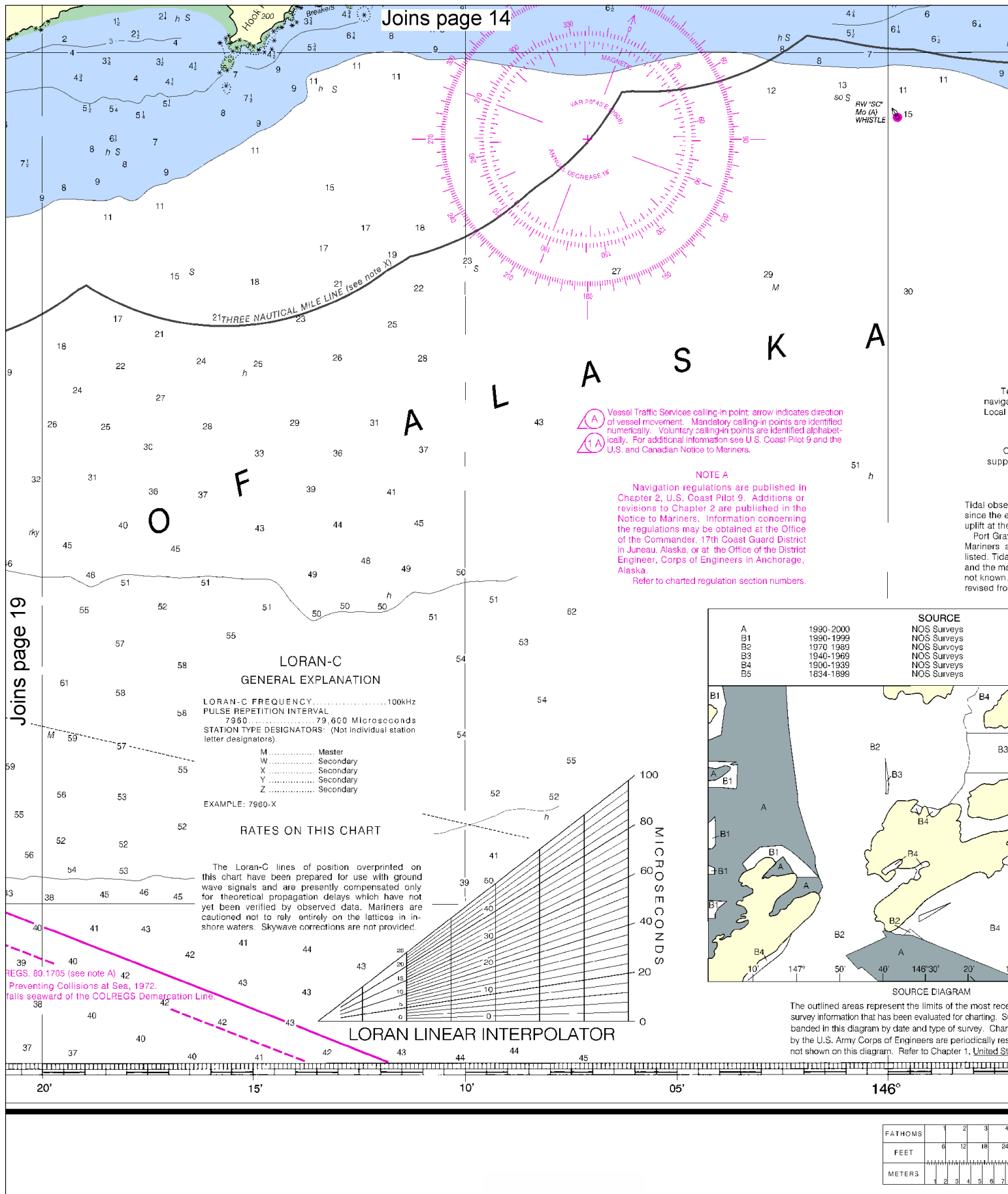


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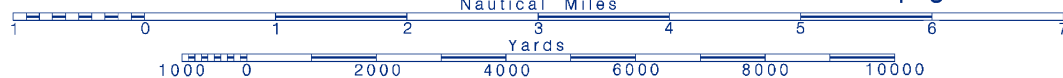
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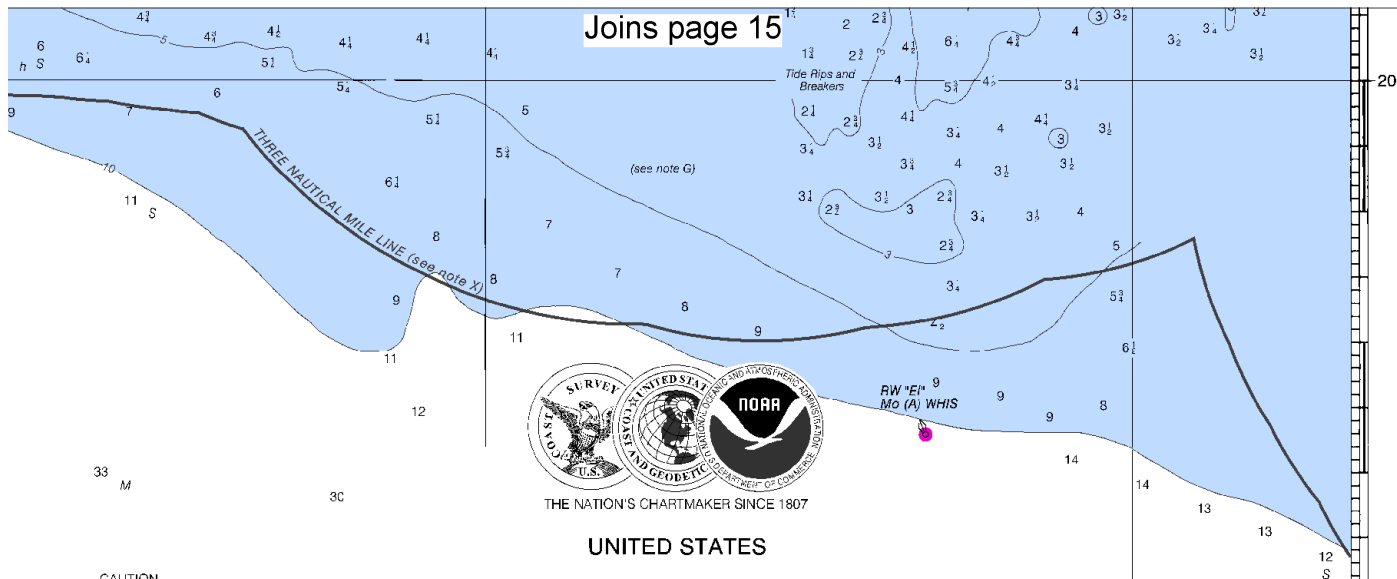
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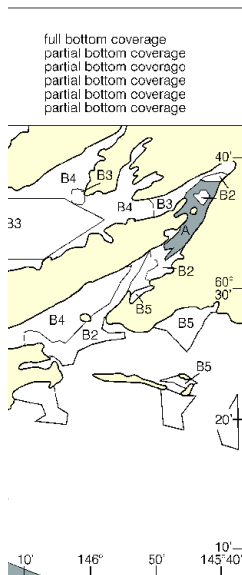
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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**  
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**CAUTION**  
Observations made by the National Ocean Service, after the earthquake of March 27, 1964, indicate bottom changes at the following locations:  
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are cautioned to expect shoaling for the areas. All observations at this time are at selected sites. The magnitude of the changes except at these sites is not known. The Cordova area of this chart has been revised from post-earthquake hydrographic surveys.



Recent hydrographic surveys have been maintained and are shown on this chart.

## UNITED STATES ALASKA - SOUTH COAST

# PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND

## EASTERN ENTRANCE

Mercator Projection  
Scale 1:80,000 at Lat 60° 35'

North American Datum of 1983  
(World Geodetic System 1984)

SOUNDINGS IN FATHOMS  
AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

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(Jul 2006)

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Prince William Sound, Eastern Entrance

SOUNDINGS IN FATHOMS - SCALE 1:80,000

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## EMERGENCY INFORMATION

### VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

**Channel 6** – Inter-ship safety communications.

**Channel 9** – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

**Channel 13** – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

**Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls** to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

**Channel 22A** – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.

**Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 & 78A** – Recreational boat channels.

### Distress Call Procedures

1. Make sure radio is on.
2. Select Channel 16.
3. Press/Hold the transmit button.
4. Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
5. Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
6. Release transmit button.
7. Wait for 10 seconds – If no response Repeat MAYDAY Call.

### **HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS !!**

**Mobile Phones** – Call 911 for water rescue.

**Coast Guard Search & Rescue (Pacific Coord)** – 510-437-3700

**Coast Guard Search & Rescue (RCC Juneau)** – 907-463-2000

**NOAA Weather Radio** – 162.400 MHz, 162.425 MHz, 162.450 MHz, 162.475 MHz, 162.500 MHz, 162.525 MHz, 162.550 MHz.

**Getting and Giving Help** – Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.



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